

Amendments to the Specification

Page 1, please replace the first two paragraphs as follows:

Background of the Invention

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Field of the Invention

The invention relates to a novel approach for generating multilingual text-to--phoneme mappings for use in multilingual speech recognition systems.

Description of the Prior Art

Speaker independent command word recognition and name dialing on portable devices such as mobile phones and personal digital assistants has attracted significant interest recently. A speech recognition system provides an alternative to keypad input for limited size portable products. The speaker independence makes the system particularly attractive from a user point of view compared to speaker dependent systems. For large vocabularies, user training of a speaker dependent recognizer is likely to become too tedious to be useful.

Page 1, please replace the last paragraph as follows:

Use of neural networks for UP giving estimates of the posterior probabilities of the different phonemes for each letter input is ~~taught~~taught by K. Jensen, and S. Riis, in the publication "Self-Organizing Letter Code-Book for Text-To-Phoneme Neural Network Model", published in *Proceedings of ICSLP*, 2000.

Page 4, please replace the last paragraph spanning to page 5 as follows:

Summary of the Invention

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

According to a first aspect of the invention there is provided a method of speech recognition in order to identify a speech command as a match to a written text command, and comprising steps of providing a text input from a text database, receiving an acoustic input, generating a sequence of multilingual phoneme symbols based on said text input by means of a multilingual text-to phoneme module, generating pronunciations in response to said sequences of multilingual phoneme symbols, and comparing said pronunciations with the acoustic input in order to find a match.

Page 6, please replace the second full paragraph as follows:

Brief Description of the Drawing

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

For a better understanding of the present invention and to understand how the same may be brought into effect reference will now be made, by way of example only, to accompanying drawings, in which: -